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Sir:

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A-1 US 6 046 988

A-2 US 6 023 733

These references were cited in a Search Report issued by the European Patent Office on the equivalent PCT application on August 10, 2001. A copy of the Report, which includes an indication of the relevance of these references, is enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that these references be entered into the record of this application. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate area on the enclosed copy of PTO Form 1449, thereby indicating consideration by the Examiner of each of these references.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are patentable over the references identified herein, and requests timely and favourable examination of this application.

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